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MANY CHAMPIONS

GLADIOLUS THAT GO PLACES

1956

OUR CHATTY NOOK

¶Wilson originations have been winning top awards all over America for over 20 years as show reports will verify, and our 1956 releases have been carefully tested and selected from large-scale hybridizing. They are all we claim for them herein. In our years of hybridizing and introduction of our own originations we have not received one single serious complaint, a record of which we are very proud.

¶The past summer growers in many localities have had serious draught troubles. In spite of the draught and our late planting most all varieties made good bulb growth and are extra clean and healthy while bloom was very fine. Bulb production was excellent with all varieties we planted.

¶Many customers have written us that we should go to school and learn to count as the overcount and extras we put in orders is beyond sensibility and maybe we are a little cracked but we do enjoy making customers happy.

¶We are reluctant to introduce five new ones this year but as they all have merit we feel that growers and exhibitors should be getting pleasure out of growing them as soon as possible and we feel sure you will not be disappointed with any one of them.

¶For 1957 we expect to introduce the most beautiful smoky of all time, a light old rose with yellow blotch with no markings, wide open, heavily ruffled and fluted, formal, 9-10 open. Any smoky fancier who does not fall for this one has bees in his bean, it is our pride and joy. Also for 1957 a fine exhibition orange opening 12 florets and a rich exhibition light buff opening eleven and possibly a rich golden brown

¶Those who failed to secure a start in our 1955 introductions should do so now with the big cut in prices. They are all good exhibition and commercial glads except Russet which is really a beautiful novelty. All of our 1956 introductions have been registered with N.A.G.C., also state inspected in both field and storage.

¶In closing our chat we wish you all a fine growing season and a flock of ribbons at your shows this year. Our customers orders keep us young, happy and going.

G. W. WILSON

ROUTE 5

LISBON, O.

1956 INTRODUCTIONS

BEAUTY ELF GLORIOUS X TERRIFIC

(About 65 days) . . . Light red with light yellow blotch with no markings. R 3 band on Fischer color chart. In nomenclature, deep hellebore red. Beautifully ruffled, wide open, not hooded, formal type with the first floret on the large majority of spikes from large bulbs right up in place not requiring the growing of a large number to get one real show spike. Color is very fine and clean. Ideal in every way for both exhibition and floral work as it has everything a good glad should have plus fine performance and heavy propagation. Bulblets of strong and easy germination. Very strong attachment, excellent facing and spacing with good head stretch. 4-inch floret, 12-14 open, 7 in color, 25 buds, 24-inch head, 45 inches overall, medium heavy strong straight stem, healthy tall dark green foliage. Florets hold color well blooming to tip. With such performance and beauty we should not have to urge growers to secure a good start this year and the introductory price is much below what it should be. Per each, large \$1.50; medium 1.00; small. .50; blts. .15 or 10 for \$1.00.

ROSE JOY GORGEOUS DEB X TERRIFIC

(About 90 days) . . . Sdlg. No. +100. We call the color lavender rose or near mauve. No. 4, VR band on Fischer chart which nomenclature says is pale rosalane purple. Quite a bit of color juggling but it is a beauty. Cream blotch with smaller blotch of near body color. Wide open, not recurved, not hooded, strong heavy stem, very strong attachment, broad petals, excellent formal type, extra good exhibition and commercial prospect. Neatly ruffled 5-inch floret, 8-9 open, 25 buds, 26-inch head, 50 inches overall. Very good reproducer with blts, of strong germination and husky growth. Per each, large \$1.50; Medium 1.00; small, .50; blts. .15 or 10 for \$1.00.

ORANGE MAGIC GLORIOUS X TERRIFIC

(About 85 days) . . . Sdlg. No. 00 70. Rich, beautiful fairly deep orange, light cream blotch with delicate orange rose stripping in throat. Heavily ruffled, wide, flat open floret, of perfect formal type. 4-inch, 9 open, 22 buds, 26-inch head, 45 inches overall. For us it makes 90 per cent show spikes and holds color to tips. Another florists delight as well as an excellent show glad. Per each, large \$2.00; medium 1.50; small, 1.00; blts, .20 or 10 for \$1.50.

FLASHY

GLORIOUS X TERRIFIC

(About 85 days) . . . Sdlg. No. +129. A light red about the same color as Beauty Elf but different type floret and smaller, not quite as many open. What makes it stand out is the big deep yellow—not golden yellow—blotch with a very small fan of lavender rose deep in throat. Recurved petals, well open, good formal type, straight strong slender stem. Trifle over 3-inch floret, 11 open easily, 7 in color 25-inch head, 25 buds, 60 inches overall, healthy dark green foliage. Shows in the 200 in which it should be a very strong contender with its brilliant color and blotch. Per each, medium, \$1.50; blts, .15 or 10 for \$1.00.

HAWAIIAN DANCE

GLORIOUS X STORM TERROR

(About 73 days) . . . Sdlg. No. +95. Rich dark smoky brick red with large deep cream blotch with no markings, flashy and unique color much admired by visitors. Good formal type, well open, good performer but opens only 7. For some reason it opened 10 in 1953. Not a show or commercial but an excellent novelty for the home garden and house. Smoky fanciers should be well pleased. 4-inch, good head, 50 in, overall. Broad petals, slender strong stem. Per each, large, \$1.00; medium, .70; small, .40; blts, .10 or 10 for .70.

1955 INTRODUCTIONS

MY-O

GORGEOUS DEB X TERRIFIC

(About 90 days) . . . In our 1955 list we did not give much description of this glad as we feared we would not have enough stock but the past summer we planted more blts. than usual and as it is a heavy propagator we feel that our stock will be sufficient. Everyone who has seen this glad in bloom has been extra enthusiastic, both fancier and florists. If I were a younger man I would surely grow this glad in large quantities for the cut flower trade.

Pastel lavender with big yellow blotch with no markings, beautifully ruffled, well open, extra good formal type, very strong attachment, straight strong stem, 5-inch floret, 9 open, 22 buds, 27-inch head, 60 inches overall, broad petals, not hooded or recurved, in pastel this is an extra beauty that everyone should be growing. While it opens only 9 it makes a fine ribbon of bloom. Per each, large, \$1.00; medium, .80; small, .50; blts, 10 for .50.

LUCKY ME

GORGEOUS DEB X TERRIFIC

(About 85 days) . . . Another fine exhibition glad that does not require a large planting to secure show spikes. We did not have a single spike from No, 1-2-3 size bulb on which the first florets were not up in position. Good commercial value as well. Good reproducer. Good stretch of head. Salmon with light yellow blotch with small rose feather. Beautifully ruffled with most florets running to one lip. Color is very clean. Extra good formal type. Straight ramrod stem. Very wide open, not recurved, broad petals. A strong contender in its class. Per each large, \$1.00; medium, .70; small, .40; blts. 10 for .40.

YELANDO

TERRIFIC X GLORIOUS

(About 85 days) . . . With quite an array of yellows on the Market we can not make any great claims for Yelando other than that it is a good exhibition medium yellow with a small faint pen line in the throat, good placement and a ribbon of bloom makes it a good contender at shows as well as a good commercial. Very good formal type. 4-inch floret, 10-11 open, 6 in color, 20 buds, 24-inch head, 55 inches overall. Blts, are of good germination but small and take a longer growing season to develop than we had the past summer so our supply of saleable size blts is small and we will have to limit orders to 10 blts, per customer. Per each, large, .90; medium, .60; small, .30; blts, .10 or 5 for .40.

RUSSET

GLENOLDEN X VICTORY QUEEN

(About 80 days) . . . Large creamy tan with deep yellow blotch with no markings, a blotch that does not fade. Very beautiful and different colored smoky that has an eye appeal to smoky fanciers. Not an exhibition or commercial glad but a very neat novelty. Spikes from large old bulbs crooked badly for us the past summer but from younger bulbs were straight on a large percentage. Ruffled well open, broad petals slightly recurved. 5-inch floret, 7 open, 18 buds, 26-inch head. 55 inches overall, formal type, moderate propagator. Per each, large, \$1.20; medium, .80; small, .40; blts, .10 or 5 for .40.

1954 INTRODUCTION

MODERN STYLE

(About 75 days) . . . Pastel salmon with large cream blotch with short orange fan in throat. Light ruffling and fluting. We have been showing an illustration of it on the front cover of our list for the past couple of years, with 13 open and near perfect formal type. An extra good propagator and a fine show and cut flower, glad. 4-inch floret, up to 13 open, 22 buds, 8 in color, 28-inch head, 60 in, overall. Extra strong attachment and strong stem. Makes a very healthy bulb very clean without a blemish. Per each, large, \$1.00; medium, .70; small, .40; blts, 10 for .70.

ON PARADE

LARIME X VICTORY QUEEN

(About 70 days) . . . Rich golden orange with deep cream blotch with no markings. A very clean and brilliant color, very wide open, not hooded, top petal straight up and broad. Florets heavily ruffled and fluted. Very heavy substance, extra strong attachment, strong straight stem. Very similar in color to Glamorous but not as large floret and about 20 days earlier to bloom which is a big asset in every way. Very fine performer. Excellent propagator. 5-inch floret, 8-9 open, 20 buds, 26-inch head, 60 in, overall. A top early orange. Per each, large, \$1.00; medium, .75; small, .50; blts, 5 for .40.

1953 INTRODUCTION

PRAIRIE BLAZE

DRUM MAJOR X CHARMOLUCK

(About 90 days) . . . The longer we grow this one the better we like it. Burnt orange with maroon blotch with no markings. Wide open, needle point, not hooded, ruffled and fluted, heavy substance, excellent placement, straight ramrod stem. Most brilliant and beautiful burnt orange of all time. A real novelty with strong appeal to smoky fanciers and exhibitors. You should not be without this one if you do not already have it. Per each, small, .40; blts, 5 for .40.

PIRATE CACHE

LARIME X VICTORY QUEEN

(About 90 days) . . . We have been calling this one chocolate but Elmer Gove says it is a beautiful shade of bronze. Big yellow blotch with no markings. Very clean color, well open, ruffled and fluted, good substance, performance and propagation. If you want something different in a good performing smoky, Pirate Cache is it. 5-6 inch floret, 7 open, 20 buds, 55 in, overall. Nice stretchy head. Per each, medium, .90; small, .40; blts, 5 for .40.

RUSTLER

(About 85 days) . . . Orange red with blotch a trifle darker, almost a self color, formal type, ruffled, wide open, very strong attachment and good placement, excellent propagator, 5-inch floret, 9 open, 21 buds, 60 in, overall. Very similar in color to Outrider but a trifle smaller showing in the 450 class whereas Outrider is a 550. A truly fine red for both exhibition and cut flower. Per each, medium, .40; small, .20; blts, 10 for .20.

ORANGE PETUNIA

(About 90 days) . . . A 1952 introduction. This glad—from our past description—has not caught on as it should have. It is really a fine and beautiful orange with an orange blotch with watered effect such as found in a petunias throat. Fine reports from those who have grown it. Very clean color that does not fleck, very round flat open floret, not hooded, excellent formal type, very strong attachment, heavy substance, heavily ruffled and fluted and averages good placement, heavy propagator producing over 100 blts, per bulb of easy germination. 4½-inch floret, 9 open, 19 buds, 26-inch head, 60 inches overall. To those who do not have Orange Petunia we can only say, "You are missing something." Per each, large, \$1.00; medium, .60; small, .30; blts, 10 for .50.

OUTRIDER

KING CLICK X TUNISIA

(About 90 days) . . . 1952 introduction. Big husky medium red with a slightly deeper blotch, very clean color, ruffled and fluted, very heavy substance, heavy propagator, excellent formal type. A real exhibition red showing a ribbon of color. Many fanciers have predicted a great future for Outrider and we have received fine performance reports from various sections of America. A big red you will not regret growing. 6½-inch floret, 10 open, 23 buds, 60-in, overall, stretchy head and heavy foliage. Per each, medium, .75; blts, 5 for .50;

